Sows that are desired to breed next April should be coupled this month. A little extra feed will secure the object. Afterwards the sows should be fed sufficient to keep them in good, healthy condition, but not fat. Young cows that are growing should be fed more liberally than older ones. The latter, if they have a warm, dry pen to run in, with plenty of bedding, will require very little food. We feed our own breeding sows principally on bran soaked in water or the slops from the house. A few mangels will be fed with great advantage to the health of the sows. But if you have not an ample supply better delay feeding them out until towards spring.

Fattening hogs should be pushed foiward rapidly. If they do not eat well they will not pay for the little they do eat. Better sell them as soon as their appetite begins to fail.

Last spring's pigs which are to be fattened next summer or fall should be fed liberally. This is the great secret of preducing choice pork at a cheap rate. A pig well wintered is half summered

If the ground is not frozen plowing is still in order wherever it will facilitate work in the spring.

Wheat fields should be examined to see if there are any parts liable to be be dug before the ground is frozen.

Get the implements under cover. If will be convenient to get at them during the winter.

Manure may still be drawn out and spread on grass land or on winter wheat. Clean up the premises and make everything tidy for winter.

Our Little People.

During the damp and cold season the same care should be exercised in protecting the baby's shoulders and arms as its body. If the mother desires to exhibit her darling's beautiful skin, let her cut a small hole in the dress over the little one's heart, and when the neighbors come in she can carry the baby about and show the skin through the hole in the dress. This is so near the heart that the place will not get mischeviously cold; but the extremities are so far removed from the great life and heatproducing apparatus, that they need much covering.

Before leaving this point, I wish to say a word of the dress of children's legs. While the baby is in the mother's lap, or until it begins to run alone, it has abundant skirts, and they are a yard and a quarter long; but let that little chap take a step on his own responsibility, and he will bob those skirts off a whole yard the first bob. And then, lest the skirt, short as it is should hang down around his hips and keep them warm, the vain, foolish mother puts on a stiff skirt and makes it stick straight out. The legs are left mostly naked, while the feet are covered with toy stockings and slippers. thinner than any which the father woulk dare wear, even for an hour, in the same parlor or nursery where the little one, perhaps delicate and croupy, spends all its time. Little people, after they begin to run alone, are strangely neglected in the dress of their know of nothing in the whole range of fashionable absurdities more cruel and mischevious than this exposure of the legs of children in severe climate. A strong man of perhaps forty years told me that he supposed children's legs were exposed in this way to toughen them. I suggested that it might toughen him to pursue a similar policy-that the avoidance of flannels and the use of white linen pants might do for him, if he did not exactly fancy the bare legs of his little son for himself.

I shall not insult your common sense by arguing that young children require quite as much protection about the legs and feet as vigorous adults. If they them continue the present system by do not go out doors, they are sure to which a single private corporation condo not go out doors, they are sure to become so delicate that they will require quite as much clothing as those who do go out. And besides that, if in the house constantly, with open doors, and the tendency of all the cold air to fall to the floor, the feet and legs of the little shaver are in quite a cold stratum of air. If you really wish to know the temperature of their extremities, put your hands upon their knees calves, and taking off their short cotton socks and then red slippers, take their little trotters in your hands, and I venture that you will dream all the next night about icicles and thick flannels. Little children should, generally speaking, during seven months of the year, wear at least two thicknesses of knit woolen about their legs, from their hips to their feet; while the feet should have thick woolen hose, with broad, warm, substantial shoes, lined with wool or fur. And I will repeat that their arms shoold have about the same protection, and their shoulders up to their necks should have at least one good thickness of woolen.-Dr. Dio

Measuring Lightning.

The length of a flash of lightning is generally greatly under-estimated. The longest known was measured by M. F. Petit, at Toulouse. This flash was ten and a half miles long. Arago once measured a series which averaged from seven to eight miles in length. The longest interval ever remarked between a flash and a report was seventy-two seconds, which would correspond with a district of fourteen miles. Direct researches have shown that a storm is seldom heard at a greater distance than from seven to ten miles, while the average are barely heard over four or five miles off. This fact is more curious as a cannon may be heard dcuble or treble that distance, and in special cases much further.

RICE AND APPLE PUDDING .- Now that we have good, rich, cooking apples we must improve them. Take the best three grains of opium, instead of three drops, and a child was killed by the you can get, greenings if possible; drops, pare, core and cut into half-inch pieces; error. put them into a pipkin, jar or porcelain-lined saucepan, with tight cover, and scatter in uncooked rice in about the proportion of one part rice to four parts apple; fill up with water, cover close and bake in a moderate oven two hours, or until the rice is properly tensugar, and eat before it is quite cold, dressed with milk or cream if desired. If preferred, the sugar may be put into the pudding before baking.

Colorado's gold and silver crop this

year is estimated at five millions.

Postal Telegraph.

Reasons for Adopting the System-What Congress Should Do in Order to Reduce the Rates on Messages and News.

The President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in his letter to a New York paper, says: "The Herald is probably correct in assuming that further reduction in rates will not be correct in assuming that made by the companies now doing the telegraph business for some time to ome." The Western Union Telegraph Company have adopted some uniformity in their charges within a few years past, and made a few other reductions in their rates, to the great benefit of the public and of the company; but the public are under no obligations to the company for making these reductions : for President Orton, in his annual report, informs his stockholders that they were forced upon them from the competition from opposition companies The have recently purchased the principal opposition lines, and have reduced their rates so low that the remaining companies are unable to make any money. Now that this great monopoly is free from all fear of competition, they announce that they will make no further concessions in rates.

That the company are able to make further reductions is shown by the facts given in the annual reports. From these it appears that the rates have been reduced nearly one-third in six years, yet the cost of doing the business is so much less, in consequence of its injured by water either now or in the the proposition that the expenses inspring. The necessary ditches should crease in nearly as rapid a ratio as the business, and therefore reductions in rates cannot be made, that he has any need repairs place them where it persuaded himself of its truth, and is unable to appreciate the force of the

facts which we have given.

Mr. Orton truly says that the telegraph is only in its infancy. The growth of its business is much more rapid than that of the express or post-office, and at the same ratio of increase the number of telegrams that will be annually sent ten years hence is larger than the number of letters sent when the postage was reduced to five cents. The immediate increase in the correspondence that followed upon the use of the five and three cent postage stamp was enormous, rapidly increasing from 50,000,000 to 500,000,000. There will be the same increase in the telegraphic correspondence if the same relative reductions in rates were made for the same causes would operate to produce like effects. The people cannot hope for such reductions from the Western Union Telegraph Company, because there is now no reason to induce it to make them, and because the loss of net revenues from the great reductions in rates necessary to popularize the telegraph would be greater than the saving of expenses on each telegram from the great increase in the business. Such reductions can be made under the postal telegraph system, for that will save nearly one-quarter of the present expenses, and would therefore authorize a reduction in rates of nearly forty per cent., and yet leave a sufficient profit on the greatly increased

from \$40,000,000 to \$70,000,000. not think Congress will feel disposed, in the present condition of our finances, to authorize such expenditure, especially as the object sought can be accomplished without an expense to the government.

The Post-office Department will furnish the offices and the Postal Tele graph Company will transmit the messages at rates fixed by Congress.

If the people desire to have a cheap telegraph, and to have the news furnished to the press at low rates, they must support the postal telegraph system, and urge Congress to pass a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General to contract as he now contracts for the carriage of the mails. If, on the other hand, they desire to perpetuate an lef guarranteed or the money refunded.—Com. authorizing the Postmaster-General to hand, they desire to perpetuate an overgrown monopoly, which is every day growing more powerful, then let tro.s the telegraphic correspondence of a nation, and has the power to give or withhold news to the press, and to mold public opinion in its own interest. Such a power is too great for any private company to hold, and should be in the hands of the people, to be used only for their benefit.—Chicago Inter-Occan.

Canada Thistles.

Out West these are a "sure crop when heat and drouth kill almost everything else. They appear to be proof against all efforts to destroy them, and neither fire, poison, nor the knife has more than a temporay effect upon their vitality. In one locality the plant has been moved before seed time, plowed early in the season, and raked up by the roots, then cut with the hoe at intervals of five days during the months of June and July, and finally cut again with the hoe and broadaxe later in the season. In another locality the thistles were dug up and burnt; in another they were hacked off close to the ground and salt strewn over the roots; in another they were saturated with strong brine and sprinkled with aquafortis, and in another they were covered with refuse lime from gas works to the depth of several inches. One bold farmer, whose wrath against the weed must have been uncommonly fierce, actually pulled them up by the roots, then dug a hole where the roots had been, and filled it with benzine. He thinks he killed the thistles thus treated, but it is not quite certain; nor is there, we are pained to say, a single well-authenticated eradication. Thistle "commissioners" have been appointed, but it is easy to see from their report that they fear and anticipate a fine showing of the sweet Canadian flower next season, in spite of hoes, plows, broadaxes, salt, aquafortis, lime, and benzine. As a final resort it is recommended by a Chicago journal that a pound of nitro-glycerine be placed under each thistle and exploded

by electricity.

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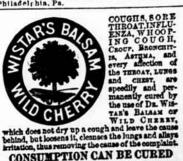
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